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APPENDIX XIII.

[Vide item VI "Communications to the Council" on page 54 supra.]

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

[Legislative Council 18th October 1927—Question No. 512 by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao, M.L.C.—Government servants—Contribution to All-India Khadi Fund—Prohibition.]

With reference to the Hon'ble the Revenue Member's reply to a supplementary question by Mr. S. Satyamurti, M.L.c., in connection with the above question, rules 22 and 23 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules are laid on the table of the Council:—

Rule 22—Political agitation and meetings.—(1) A Government servant may for the purpose of removing misapprehensions, correcting misstatements and refuting disloyal and seditious propaganda defend and explain in public the policy of the Government. Save, however, as provided in rules 17, 18 and 19 a Government servant may not make any communications to the Press in regard to the policy or acts of the Government without the sanction of the Local Government or such superior authority as the Local Government may prescribe.

(2) In any action taken under sub-paragraph (1) a Government servant should, as far as possible, refrain from making any reference to the personality of parties or individuals who may be in opposition to the Government; and when elections are impending, he must give no ground for the suggestion that any statements of facts or views made by him have been made with the object of influencing electors in favour of or against any party or individual candidate.

Rule 23—Taking part in political movements and elections.—

(1) Subject to the provisions of rule 22 and to any special instructions of the Local Government, a Government servant shall not take part in, or subscribe in aid of, any political movement in India or any political movement relating to Indian affairs. Where there is room for doubt whether any action which a Government servant proposes to take will contravene this rule, he shall refer the matter to the Local Government or the authority to which he is immediately subordinate, and thereafter shall act in accordance with such orders as may be passed by such Local Government or authority.

(2) A whole-time Government servant shall not canvass or otherwise interfere or use his influence in connection with, or take

part in, any election to a legislative body:

provided that a Government servant who is qualified to vote at such election may exercise his right to vote, but if he does so, shall give no indication of the manner in which he proposes to vote or has voted.

(3) Save in the case of a whole-time Government servant who, with the permission, if any, required under any law or order for the time being in force, is a candidate for election to a municipal committee, district board or other local body, the provisions of sub-rule (2) shall apply in the case of an election to any such committee, board or body.

> A. Y. G. CAMPBELL, Chief Secretary.

APPENDIX XIV.

[Vide item VI "Communications to the Council" on page 54 supra.]

Placed on the table of the House with reference to question No. 806 answered on 21st October 1927.

Letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 12th October 1927, No. L. Dis. 2580/27.

[Legislative Council-August 1927-Question No. 398-Kurnool district-Markapur taluk-Badridu tank-Repairs-Contribution from ryots.]

The several clauses of the above question are answered seriatim below :-(a) A contribution of Rs. 670 has been levied this year under section 6

of Act I of 1858 for the repairs to the supply channel.

(b) As the supply channel to the tank was overgrown with pricklypear, bushes and vegetation which resulted in silting of the channel and reduction of the waterway, they were removed. The Public Works Department executed the repairs as the tank is in its charge.

(c) According to the Village Account No. 20, the tank received a supply of four months. It is a third-class source and its capacity is six

months.

(d) The owners of the land under the tank sent in a mahazar petition stating that they could not pay the amount of contribution and requested postponement of the collection owing to the adverse state of the season. But the statistics given below will show that the season was not so unfavourable as represented by them :-

			Fotal extent	Outturn of crops harvested.			
	-			12 annas.	8 to 11 annas.	4 to 7 annas.	0 to 3 annas
Food crops Other crops			ACS. 1,759 483	21	494 278	964 205	280
	Total	••	2,242	21	772	1,169	280

⁽e) In the above circumstances the collection was proceeded with and an amount of Rs. 615-2-11 has been collected till now leaving a balance of Rs. 54-13-1.

(f) The anicut has not been raised. (y) The Executive Engineer, Kurnool, states that it is not necessary to

raise the anicut for purposes of supply.